



## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

August 25, 2010

### REPORT OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sean T. O'Donovan	Chair	Present	
Walter F. Pero	Vice Chair	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Absent	
Stan Koty	DPW Commissioner	Present	
Richard Willette	Director of Operations	Present	
David Green		Present	
Ken Bates		Present	
Ann Marie Walsh		Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
Omar Boukili	Administrative Assistant	Present	

#### **188632 - That a Representative of NStar Appear Before This Board's Committee on Public Utilities & Works to Discuss Power Capacity in West Somerville, Anticipating the 199 Housing Units at MaxPac.:**

No discussion.

<b>RESULT:        KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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#### **189019 - That the Commissioner of Public Works Attend the Next Public Utilities and Public Works Subcommittee to Discuss Any and All Business, Especially the Issue of Double Poles.:**

Commissioner Koty informed the members that since July 6<sup>th</sup>, NSTAR has removed 34 double poles, leaving 114 still to be removed. Of that number, the cable companies have a combined total of 33 poles, which are being removed in a steady fashion. NSTAR is in the process of removing 10 poles. Commissioner Koty pointed out that NSTAR cannot remove a pole until all utility/cable companies have transferred their equipment to the new pole. Verizon is holding up the removal process by leaving their equipment on the old poles. The Commissioner suggested bringing the problem to the attention of Peter Bowman of Verizon, noting that Verizon's cooperation level is low when pressure is not applied by the city.

The committee requested that a communication be sent to Verizon stressing the importance of resolving this issue and expressing its displeasure that a Verizon representative was not present at this meeting, after having been notified to attend.

**189101 - That the City Solicitor Determine the Ability of the City to Draft and Implement an Ordinance Requiring Public Utility Companies to Make Requested Repairs Within a Specific Period of Time or be Fined.:**

No discussion.

<b>RESULT:        KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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**189632 - Response to Order 189101-Legality of Ordinance Requiring Public Utility Companies to Make Requested Repairs Within a Specific Period of Time.:**

No discussion.

<b>RESULT:        KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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